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SUBJECT: CZECH REPUBLIC: DEMARCHE RESPONSE TO COLLISION OF  
U.S. IRIDIUM AND RUSSIAN COSMOS SATELLITES IN ORBIT

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Classified By: Political/Economic Counselor Charles O. Blaha for reason  
s 1.4 (b) & (d).

(S) Political Officer delivered the reftel demarche points on  
February 17 to Veronika Kuchynova-Smigolova, the Czech MFA's  
Director of Security Policy. She appreciated receiving the  
information, but was already well aware of the situation via  
press reports. She mentioned that it was very important that  
Russia and the U.S. are in close contact over what happened  
between these two satellites and any impact that the  
resulting debris may have on other orbiting objects.  
Thompson-Jones